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To whom it is concerned,

I have some serious concerns about high-stakes testing. I have seen many people administer tests. Have you ever considered how unreasonable it is to expect **all** people to administer tests equally when attached are high-stakes. Most schools have the very same people administer the tests who have an investment in the test taker. Many are honest. What about those who may not be? How fair is it if some people pass these tests with someone helping them, while other test administrators follow the guidelines. As long as you have teachers administering tests and they have an invested interest, you will have some who will help the students out in an unfair way. Until you can assure across the line fairness, they will not be fair.

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